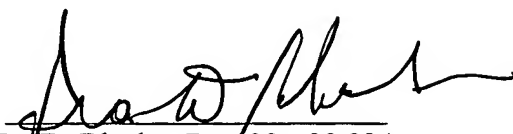


REMARKS

Claims 9 to 16 and 18 are presented for examination in the instant application. Further action with respect to the instant application is earnestly solicited.

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